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TITLE: Methods for Detecting, Grading or Monitoring an *H. pylori* Infection

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

The Office action of May 22, 2003, allowed claim 17 and rejected claims 1-9, 18-20 and 24. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

A petition and fee for a one-month extension of time are enclosed. If any further petition or fee is required, please consider this a conditional petition therefor and authorization to charge deposit account 20-0531.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.